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January 22, 1996

Mr. Philip Otis
U.S. Department of the Navy
Northern Division - NAVFAC
10 Industrial Highway
Code 1811/PO - Mail Stop 82
Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re: Final Action Memorandum (AM) for Study Area (SA) 04 at the former NCBC Davisville, Rhode Island, Dated 10 January 1996

Dear Mr. Otis:

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) comments on the red-lined AM, dated August 10, 1995, were satisfactorily addressed as was stated in my letter of December 18, 1995, however, the Navy has not indicated their approval, as the lead agency, of the removal action by signing the document. The Navy has not indicated that the decision was based on the administrative record for the site. The subject AM is the decision document for the selection of the removal action and must be signed by the lead agency.

There are outstanding public relations requirements for the Time-Critical and Non-Time Critical Removal Actions planned for this spring. Within 60 days of on-site time critical removal activity, the Navy must provide public notice of the availability of the Administrative Record for Site 2 and open a 30 day public comment period on the selection of the removal action. Significant comments received during the public comment period must be responded to and the responses included in the Administrative Record for the site. Please provide EPA and RIDEM the administrative record index for this site and for the time-critical removal action at Site 2 for our review and comment.

As both Site 2 and SA 4 are included in the same removal action work plan the Navy should include reference to SA 4 for clarity in the public notice, even though the public did have a chance to comment on the selection of the response action and look at "additional documentation" during the public comment period on the E.E./C.A. for SA 4.



If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please contact me at (617) 573-5736.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Williams".

Christine A.P. Williams
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